

## AMENDMENTS TO AND LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (canceled).

2. (currently amended) A method for increasing the rate of hair growth in a dog or cat that has been subjected to hair removal, ~~the method direct hair modification~~ comprising feeding the dog or cat a properly nutritious diet comprising from about 0.5 to about 4.5 mg of selenium per kg of the diet on a dry matter basis.

3. (canceled).

4. (canceled).

5. (canceled).

6. (canceled).

7. (canceled).

8. (currently amended) The method of claim 2 wherein the hair removal ~~said direct hair modification~~ is clipping.